GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:398
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
JOB ORIENTED COURSES IN EDUCATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any new policy to introduce job-oriented degree/ Diploma Certificate Courses in the education systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any research on the outdated syllabus in various courses of Universities and Colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.398 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2001 REGARDING JOB ORIENTED COURSES IN EDUCATION SYSTEM

(a) to (d): The overall aim of the Indian education system is to promote human development in all its aspects, material, physical, mental, moral, aesthetic and spiritual. In the holistic sense of the term, therefore, education does not concern itself with job orientation only but goes much beyond that. However, conscious of the role of making the student a more productive individual in society, vocational education is being provided across the entire educational spectrum. At the school level, this is being provided by having a vocational stream at the plus two stage. At the tertiary level, vocational subjects at the first degree level are being provided in a large number of college and universities. In technical education, vocational training is being provided by polytechnics including community polytechnics.

Outside of the formal educational setup, vocational education is being provided by the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Open School and the Indira Gandhi National Open University among others. The Ministry also gives grants to voluntary organizations for imparting vocational education. Vocational education on the Gandhian pattern is also being promoted through the National Council of Rural Institutes and some deemed universities.

In the long term it would also be the endeavour of the education system to promote creation of jobs by nurturing in students a sense of entrepreneurship.